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1. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE TODAY FRONT-PAGED A STORY BASED ON
MINISTRY OF GREENLAND ANNOUNCEMENT SEP 7 THAT EXPLORATORY
DRILLING FOR OIL OR GAS OFF THE WEST COAST OF GREENLAND IN 1977
WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. ARCO, MOBIL OIL AND CHEVRON HAVE TERMINATED
OPERATIONS FOR THIS YEAR AND HAVE PLUGGED THE HOLES THEY MADE.

2. ACCORDING TO VICE PRESIDENT L.E.WILSON OF THE OIL CONSORTIUM
ARCO, THE COMPANY BORED FIVE HOLES WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANY SIGN
OF CARBONATES. WILSON EMPHASIZED HIS COMPANY'S DISAPPOINTMENT AND
THE GREAT EXPENSE OF CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY DRILLING IN THE
ARTIC. HE HINTED THAT UNLESS POSITIVE SIGNS WERE DISCOVERED NEXT
YEAR, THE COMPANY MIGHT ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF ITS CONCESSION
RIGHTS BEYOND THREE YEARS TO LAPSE. WILSON DID SAY THAT THE
GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PRESENCE OF OIL AND GAS DO EXIST
AND THAT THE HUNT WOULD CONTINUE NEXT YEAR.

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